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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

THWAITES ET AL.

Examiner

Patrice Winder

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-8 and 11-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-8,11-15 and 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16,17 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 16-17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bracho et al., EP 0 806 731 A2 (hereafter referred to as Bracho).

3. Regarding claim 16, Bracho taught a method of facilitating the exchange and processing of information between a plurality of blocks, wherein each of the blocks is a functional element in an integrated data network (abstract), comprising:

providing an information router coupled to each of the blocks, registering each of the blocks in the information router, some of the blocks being capable of functioning as information-providing elements and some of the blocks being registered as information-processing elements (publishers and subscribers, page 3, lines 51-58), and

at least one of the blocks issues an information request including a field identifier (subscription, page 7, lines 7-11, page 10, lines 43-47; page 11, lines 25-35, 42-47),
and

the information router fulfilling the information request by forming and exchanging a proper dataset on the basis of information provided by and information processed by the blocks (publish, page 10, lines 35-42; page 13, lines 3-8, 33-35, 44-48).

4. Regarding dependent claim 17, Bracho taught the information router fulfils the information request by matching a requested field with a proper dataset having at least one field corresponding to the requested field and selected from an available dataset (page 12, line 57 – page 13, line 2; page 13, lines 11-22).

5. Regarding dependent claim 20, Bracho taught the information request includes a unique identifier and attributes which are used to prioritize the fulfillment of information requests in the information router (page 7, lines 4-11; page 10, line 53 - page 11, line 3).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 1-3, 5-8, 11-15, 21 are allowed.

7. Claims 18-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-15 and 21 are allowable over the prior art of record because Bracho fails to teach a system or method that recites the detailed creation and aggregation of data messages to meet different specific information requirements in different situations as recited by the claims and as argued by applicant in the response filed on June 24, 2005.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments filed June 24, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

10. Applicant argues – "...Bracho does not teach or suggest a method for facilitating the exchange and processing of information that fulfills information requests as claimed."

11. Applicant admits "...Bracho describes a system that facilitates the delivery of a published messages from a 'publisher' to a 'subscriber' in a system". The subscription is an information request, when the publication is broadcast any subscriptions are fulfilled. Therefore, Bracho taught facilitating the exchange and processing of information that fulfills information request.

Conclusion

12. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

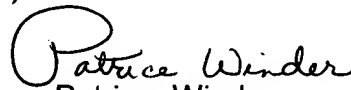
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrice Winder whose telephone number is 571-272-3935. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30 am-7:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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September 5, 2005